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Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following paragraph before the paragraph beginning on page 1, after line 5:

-- This is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 09/055,583, filed on April 6, 1999.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 29-41 without prejudice.

REMARKS

The present application is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/055,583 and resulted from a restriction requirement.

It is requested that the references cited in the prosecution of the parent application be considered in the prosecution of this divisional application, and accordingly the references cited in the parent application are listed on the attached form PTO 1449. The relevance of those references was set forth in the prosecution of U.S. Serial No. 09/055,583.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview will help further the prosecution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number.

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